

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
E-BIKES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the E-Bikes Community Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 220 Nellen Ave., Corte Madera, California.

Members present: Bill Albright, Debbie Rafael, Gail MacMillan, Jonathan Frieman, Peter Whittlesey, Robert Eichstaedt, Robert Mittelstaedt, and Sierra Salin

Members absent: Ellie Cohen and Nona Dennis

This meeting was noticed as a special meeting to allow three or more Board members to attend. In attendance were staff members: Shaun Horne, Watershed Resources Manager, Crystal Yezman, Facilities and Watershed Division Manager, and Brett Pedisich, Park Ranger.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Yezman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Ms. Yezman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Sam Magill, Senior Facilitator at the Consensus and Collaboration Program at Sacramento State University. Mr. Magill called upon the E-Bikes Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) members to do a brief self-introduction.

**Review of Previous Meetings**

Mr. Magill went over the current agenda and the purpose of the current meeting, which was to discuss interactions among user groups. Mr. Magill requested that members of the public wishing to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting fill out a public speaker card. A brief question and answer period with the committee followed.

**Presentation: 2012-2013 User Census Survey**

Mr. Horne presented the 2012-2013 User Census Survey, designed to provide the water district information on trail users, times and patterns of use, preferences and experiences. The summary of census findings included: the number of visitors (13,098), percentage of bicyclists (30%), percentage of pedestrians (70%), percentage of equestrians (0.4%), and percentage of dogs on a leash (88%). Information also provided included: visitor origin, method of transportation to the Watershed, areas of use, primary activity on the Watershed, and visitor experience.

**Presentation: E-bike Information Survey Results**

Mr. Magill presented the E-bike Information Survey Results. The summary of survey findings included: number of participants, visitor origin, gender, age range, and frequency of visits. Information also included: primary activity on the Watershed, number of participants who have ridden e-bikes, whether or not they had a preference on allowing e-bikes on the Watershed, and opinions on safety-related issues concerning e-bikes. It was stressed that the survey was conducted to give the committee an idea of how Watershed users feel about E-bikes, and not based on scientific findings. A discussion followed.

**Presentation: Trail Partners Marin County**

Mr. Magill introduced Curt Kruger of Marin Horse Council and Trail Partners, and Tom Boss of Marin County Bike Coalition (MCBC) and Trail Partners.

A short video of the “Slow and Say Hello” campaign was played.

Mr. Kruger gave a brief background of the formation and foundation of Safe Trails Marin, forged by the collaboration of three groups: Marin County Bike Coalition (MCBC), Marin Horse Council, and the Marin Conservation League (MCL). The primary purpose of the group is to promote trail safety and resource protection, create behavior change, shift culture, and to educate. Mr. Kruger gave some examples of how to establish safety and communication on the trails.

Mr. Boss gave an overview of the “Slow and Say Hello” campaign, which encouraged communication between hikers, bicycle riders, and equestrians on the trails to prevent accidents. Mr. Boss showed pictures of past events, conducted a quiz, and distributed prizes. A brief discussion followed.

**Closing Summary**

Mr. Magill provided the committee with a tentatively scheduled date of March 4, 2020 for the E-bike Demo, previously postponed due to adverse weather conditions. He gave a quick overview of next steps, and recommendations for the committee to review findings.

**Public Comment**

There were five public comments by San Rafael resident and Marin Conservation League member Larry Minikes, Fairfax resident and President of Mike’s Bikes Matt Adams, Greenbrae resident Bill Rostenburg, Mill Valley resident Dan Cressman, and Mill Valley resident Debbie Dorosin.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting of December 10, 2019 was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.